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CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

PLANNING DIRECTIVE NO. 14

SUBJECT: Resources ~~of~~ Potential Program

1. The Problem:

a. The Secretary, N.I.A., recently furnished the Central Planning Staff a memorandum of 7 November, 1945, above subject, from Brig. General Edgar P. Sorensen to Mr. Alfred McCormack. General Sorensen enclosed a copy of a study then before the Executive Committee of the Army-Navy Munitions Board. The study showed how national security requires that the U. S. Have complete information on the location of various raw materials abroad, the grades and reserves, transportation facilities required for exploitation, labor conditions and general production costs. The study also pointed out that serious deficiencies of intelligence in this field had adversely affected the war program.

b. The only Planning Staff copies of General Sorensen's memorandum (in duplicate) and the enclosure thereto (single copy only) are enclosed under the original of this directive for file in the Intelligence Branch.

c. While these papers were not referred to C.I.G. for action, nevertheless the Central Planning Staff should consider them carefully for purposes:

*these* (1) To determine what action should be taken by C.I.G. to assure that the Essential Elements of Information will properly reflect the needs outlined in General Sorensen's memorandum. (See Planning Directive No. 11)

(2) To determine what action should be taken by C.I.G. to assure that this class of intelligence information available in Washington files be kept current and properly checked for adequacy.

(3) To determine what action should be taken by C.I.G. to assure that collection of intelligence information in this class is properly coordinated and adequate to correct the deficiencies.

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2. Planning Requirement:

a. At the earliest practicable date after the Intelligence Branch has the necessary personnel, it will furnish copies of General Sorensen's memorandum and enclosure to the Information Branch and the Policy and Review Branch.

b. The Intelligence Branch will ascertain and report what action, if any, has been taken in the matter.

c. The Intelligence Branch will submit recommendations to this office regarding the problems in 1 c (1) and (2) above.

d. The Information Branch will submit recommendations to this office regarding the problem in 1 c (3) above.

3. Deadline:

Owing to the shortage of personnel in the Central Planning Staff a deadline will not be assigned at this time. An informal progress check will be made on 9 April.

FOR THE CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF:

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Distribution:

Original to Intelligence Branch (with enclosures)  
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Enclosure:

As noted in 1 b above.

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